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Meeting Minutes 01/28/2008

ARLINGTON FINANCE COMMITTEE
 MINUTES OF MEETING
 7:30 PM O'NEILL ROOM COMMUNITY SAFETY BUILDING
 1/28/08

ATTENDEES:

McGaffigan*		Dunn*	Phelps*	Mahoney
DeCoursey*	Connors*	Simmons*	Bayer*	
Tosti*	Foskett*	Deyst*	Ronan	
Ferrara*	Franclemont*	Jones*	Olsen*	
DuBois*	Howard*	Fanning*	Carman	Kneeland*

* Indicates present

VISITORS: Gloria Turkall, Incoming Executive Secretary

GENERAL: Phelps & Turkall welcomed enthusiastically. A budget adjustment from the Manager was distributed by email. The budget books were distributed to member's homes. The B&R TF met briefly for a review of the 5 yr plan.

REVIEW OF WARRANT: A draft copy of the (76 articles) was distributed. The chair led the committee through the warrant article by article to determine which should be heard. Several were assigned to individuals to arrange hearings. The rest will be scheduled by Turkall. Refer to attached list.

REPORTS:

MINUTEMAN TECH: DeCoursey described the recent budget hearing which was also attended by Tosti, Dunn and several parents. Total enrollment is down again as is Arlington's (by about 17). Estimated assessment will increase \$23k to \$3,265K (0.7%). The middle school program, used by only some districts, is now off budget. A capital plan is being considered. Bonding requires 100% approval by district communities which would give Arlington more influence than in other matters. Morrisette is pleased w/ the new superintendent. No course changes have been made.

SCHOOLS: Fanning reported that the School Committee is expecting the budget on 2/12. The budget is expected to be within the 5 yr plan goals. The superintendent is working to bring more SPED programs into the district to reduce costs, especially transportation.

SYMMEs: Foskett reviewed the status of the project. He believes that taxes will cover the debt service despite the cost of abutter delays.

ELECTIONS FY08: Tosti reported that state funds and limited pcts will make the cost less than originally thought.

SNOW: Olsen believes that the snow budget is expended.

LETTER: Tosti read a letter included with a census return urging the town to set a trash fee.

APPRECIATION: Kneeland received a round of applause for his many years of service to the committee.

COMMITTEE: Ronan has pneumonia. Fanning to arrange a get well card. No mtg 1/30. Turkall to arrange hearings for 2/4. There will be no meetings on 4/2, 4/7 & 4/9. Tosti to again request FY08 budget balances. Send changes to contact list to Tosti. IT budget will be handled by Finances SubCom.

RESERVE FUND BALANCE: \$276,706.28

Peter B Howard Secretary 1/29/08

cc FinCom Members, Selectmen, Town Manager, Comptroller, Library File, Town Web Site FinCom Web Site

VOTE SUMMARY – Articles

#	Title	Date Heard	Date Voted	Status (Unlisted votes were unanimous)
18	Bylaw Amend 1,1,2, Open Warrant			
20	Bylaw Amend Snow Removal			
21	Bylaw Amend 1,18 Mtg Notices			
27	Bylaw Amend Afford House Trust			Foskett to study
28	Tow n Water Bodies			Hearing in mid-March
48	Rescind authority to borrow			
43	Collective Bargaining			
44	Future Collective Bargaining			
45	Positions reclassification			Phelps to present
46	Budgets			
47	Capital Budget			Hearing 3/3 8:00
48	Rescind Authority to Borrow			
50	Minuteman Tech			DeCoursey to schedule
51	Tow n Celebrations			Tw n Man
52	Miscellaneous			Tw n Man
53	Committees & Commissions			hearing if last year approp not OK
55	Sew ers			
56	Water			
57	Services to Non-Profits			
58	Tip Fund Money Appropriation			
59	Medicare Part D Reimbursement			
60	SPED			
62	Pension Adjustments			ACRB
63	Increase Accidental Death Benefit			ACRB
64	Extend Benefits			ACRB
65	Transfer OPEB Funds			ACRB
66	Transfer OPEB Funds			ACRB
67	Pension Obligation Funds			
68	Borrow ing for OPEB			
69	Local Option Taxes			

70	Harry Barber Service Program			hearing if last year approp not OK
71	Revaluation			
72	Tip Fee Stab Fund			
73	Cemetery			
74	Overlay Reserve Surplus			
75	Stabilization Fund			
76	Free Cash			

VOTE SUMMARY -Budgets

#	Title	Date Heard	Date Voted	Amount	Vote Unlisted votes were unanimous
1	FinCom				
2	Board of Selectmen				
3	Tow n Manager				
4	Personnel				
5	Comptroller				
6	Treasurer				
7	Postage				
8	Assessors				
	Information Technology				
9	Legal				
10	Tow n Clerk				
11	Registrar of Voters				
12	Parking				
13	Planning				
14	Redevelopment Board				
15	Zoning Board of Appeals				
16	Public Works				
17a	Community Safety Admin				
17b	Police				
17c	Fire				
17d	Support				
18	Inspections				
19	Education				
20	Library				
21a	Health & Human Services				
21b	Veterans				
21c	COA				
22	Retirement				
23	Insurance				
24	Street Lighting				

25	Reserve Fund				
W&S					
Rec					
Rnk					
COA					
Youth					